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WASHINGTON, May 7, 1992 -- Railroad freight traffic is continuing to mirror the nation's slow but steady recovery from the economic recession, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

For the week ended May 2, railroads originated a total of 332,100 carloads of freight, up 2.7 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Loadings increased 2.8 percent in the West and 2.6 percent in the East.

"It is reassuring that the gains in rail traffic are virtually across the board, with the major exception being coal," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

"Coal is down 2.0 percent cumulatively, largely because a mild winter has left utilities with relatively high stockpiles of coal. Excluding coal traffic, railroad carloadings increased by 5.0 percent over the first 18 weeks of this year, with motor vehicles, up 17.3 percent, leading the charge," Dr. Levine said.

Railroads also moved an estimated 20.5 billion ton-miles of freight, up 4.1 percent. Intermodal volume, which is not included in the carload total, jumped 12.2 percent from the comparable 1992 week, totalling 130,205 trailers or containers.

For the first 18 weeks of 1992, the AAR reported that railroads had originated 5,763,615 carloads of freight, up 2.2 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Ton-mileage was estimated at 367.2 billion, up 4.9 percent. And intermodal volume totalled 2,211,066 trailers and containers, up 8.2 percent from 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of rail carloads and 97 percent of intermodal traffic.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	23,329	22,841	2.1 %	23,984	-2.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,913	1,571	21.8	1,659	15.3
Metallic Ores	18,814	18,477	1.8	16,262	15.7
Coal	121,331	126,462	-4.1	120,634	0.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,628	14,661	-0.2	14,759	-0.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,683	7,862	10.4	9,426	-7.9
Grain Mill Products	9,911	9,997	-0.9	9,830	0.8
Food & Kindred Products	9,288	8,877	4.6	9,054	2.6
Primary Forest Products	9,043	7,748	16.7	9,100	-0.6
Lumber & Wood Products	6,362	6,171	3.1	6,063	4.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,702	9,805	9.1	10,564	1.3
Chemicals	30,781	27,907	10.3	31,438	-2.1
Petroleum Products	5,292	4,538	16.6	5,481	-3.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,927	9,121	8.8	9,326	6.4
Coke	5,245	4,468	17.4	5,317	-1.4
Metals & Products	10,666	10,267	3.9	10,238	4.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,286	17,149	12.5	16,298	18.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,284	8,093	14.7	8,753	6.1
All Other Carloads	7,615	7,417	2.7	6,952	9.5
Total	**332,100**	**323,432**	**2.7 %**	**325,138**	**2.1 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 18 WEEKS ENDING MAY 2, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**332,100**	**323,432**	**2.7 %**	**5,763,615**	**5,639,092**	**2.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,219	60,757	7.3	1,084,360	1,057,449	2.5
Containers	64,986	55,318	17.5	1,126,706	986,279	14.2
Total	**130,205**	**116,075**	**12.2**	**2,211,066**	**2,043,728**	**8.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.5**	**19.7**	**4.1 %**	**367.2**	**350.1**	**4.9 %**

NOTES: Effective with Week 15, CSX Transportation figures include RFP. CSXT's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of CSXT's and RFP's traffic. Traffic interchanged between these roads prior to Week 15 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

Carloadings are estimated for: Week 18, 1992 - GTW & TM; Week 14, 1992 - GTW.

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WASHINGTON, May 14, 1992 -- Freight traffic on the nation's railroads continued to show steady growth over 1991 volume during the week ended May 9, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

"Once again this week's figures are a reflection of the expanding economy, characterized by relatively low inflation and increasing retail sales," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "The 9.8 percent increase in intermodal traffic, coupled with a 4.0 percent gain in carloads, is further confirmation that the recession is over."

Carloadings during the most recent week totaled 329,714, with loadings showing identical 4.0 percent increases in both the East and West. Intermodal volume, which is not included in the carload figures, totaled 127,756 containers and trailers. The AAR also estimated railroads provided an estimated 20.4 ton-miles of freight service during the week ended May 9, up 6.3 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 19 weeks of 1992, railroads reported originating 6,094,013 carloads of freight, up 2.3 percent from the first 19 weeks of 1991. Ton-miles were estimated at 387.6 billion, up 5.0 percent. Intermodal volume totaled 2,338,822 trailers and containers, up 8.3 percent from 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	20,943	20,898	0.2 %	23,468	-10.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,187	1,689	29.5	1,910	14.5
Metallic Ores	19,563	17,347	12.8	18,814	4.0
Coal	121,680	121,745	-0.1	121,284	0.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,402	14,461	-0.4	14,605	-1.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,047	8,578	5.5	8,683	4.2
Grain Mill Products	9,880	10,238	-3.5	9,917	-0.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,351	9,073	3.1	9,288	0.7
Primary Forest Products	8,828	8,652	2.0	9,043	-2.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,603	5,866	-4.5	6,359	-11.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,007	9,398	6.5	10,698	-6.5
Chemicals	30,587	27,862	9.8	30,765	-0.6
Petroleum Products	5,530	4,864	13.7	5,289	4.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,122	9,715	4.2	9,928	2.0
Coke	5,632	4,286	31.4	5,251	7.3
Metals & Products	10,397	9,561	8.7	10,715	-3.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,505	17,140	13.8	19,838	-1.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,130	8,289	10.1	9,305	-1.9
All Other Carloads	7,320	7,251	1.0	7,624	-4.0
Total	**329,714**	**316,913**	**4.0 %**	**332,784**	**-0.9 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 19 WEEKS ENDING MAY 9, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**329,714**	**316,913**	**4.0 %**	**6,094,013**	**5,956,005**	**2.3 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	61,667	60,206	2.4	1,146,027	1,117,655	2.5
Containers	66,089	56,138	17.7	1,192,795	1,042,417	14.4
Total	**127,756**	**116,344**	**9.8**	**2,338,822**	**2,160,072**	**8.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.4**	**19.2**	**6.3 %**	**387.6**	**369.2**	**5.0 %**

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WASHINGTON, May 21, 1992 -- Traffic on the nation's railroads is continuing to rebound strongly from the recession-reduced levels reported a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Carloadings during the week ended May 16 totaled 334,713, up 4.7 percent from the comparable week last year, with loadings up 5.3 percent in the West and 4.1 percent in the East. Intermodal traffic, which is not included in the carloadings, totaled 129,161 trailers or containers, up 12.2 percent. And ton-miles were estimated to total 20.7 billion, up 6.7 percent from 1991 levels.

"The increase in traffic continues and is another indication that the economy is experiencing steady, and sustained growth," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

"While the weekly decline in lumber and wood products reflects a softness in housing starts, overall traffic is bolstered by gains in automobiles, grain, chemicals and general merchandise, i.e. intermodal," Dr. Levine added.

For the first 20 weeks of 1992, the AAR reported total traffic of 6,432,905 carloads, up 2.4 percent from the comparable 1991 period; 2,473,493 trailers and containers, up 8.7 percent; and 408.4 billion ton-miles, up 5.1 percent.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	21,694	19,734	9.9 %	20,943	3.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,327	1,743	33.5	2,187	6.4
Metallic Ores	20,454	17,964	13.9	19,563	4.6
Coal	122,942	122,654	0.2	121,680	1.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,121	14,977	-5.7	14,402	-2.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,140	9,305	-1.8	9,047	1.0
Grain Mill Products	9,926	9,555	3.9	9,880	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,383	8,771	7.0	9,351	0.3
Primary Forest Products	9,457	8,776	7.8	8,828	7.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,081	6,189	-1.7	5,603	8.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,126	9,755	3.8	10,196	-0.7
Chemicals	30,511	28,168	8.3	30,593	-0.3
Petroleum Products	5,732	4,896	17.1	5,530	3.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,915	9,516	4.2	10,122	-2.0
Coke	5,428	4,329	25.4	5,632	-3.6
Metals & Products	10,309	9,277	11.1	10,403	-0.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,765	18,365	13.1	19,505	6.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,333	8,249	13.1	9,134	2.2
All Other Carloads	7,069	7,441	-5.0	7,320	-3.4
Total	**334,713**	**319,664**	**4.7 %**	**329,919**	**1.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 20 WEEKS ENDING MAY 16, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**334,713**	**319,664**	**4.7 %**	**6,432,905**	**6,279,848**	**2.4 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,189	59,506	9.6	1,223,351	1,177,161	3.9
Containers	63,972	55,656	14.9	1,250,142	1,098,073	13.8
Total	**129,161**	**115,162**	**12.2**	**2,473,493**	**2,275,234**	**8.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.7**	**19.4**	**6.7 %**	**408.4**	**388.6**	**5.1 %**

NOTES: Effective with Week 15, CSX Transportation figures include RFP. CSXT's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of CSXT's and RFP's traffic. Traffic interchanged between these roads prior to Week 15 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

Carloadings are estimated for: Week 14, 1992 - GTW.

TennRail was added to this report as of Week 20, 1992. Figures for 1992 reflect actual traffic handled. Because actual 1991 traffic figures are not available, numbers for 1991 are shown as identical to 1992.

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WASHINGTON, May 28, 1992 -- Railroad freight traffic is outperforming the economy as a whole in 1992, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"Excluding coal traffic -- down 2.5 percent both for the week ended May 23 and for the first 21 weeks of 1992 -- railroad traffic is running ahead of the consensus forecasts for growth in the economy, expected to be between two and three percent in 1992," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

Dr. Levine noted that "non-coal carload traffic was up 4.8 percent in the most recent week and is up by 5.1 percent so far this year. Intermodal, which is not included in carloadings, is up even more, 12 percent in the week ended May 23 and 8.9 percent for the first 21 weeks. Ton-miles were up 4.0 percent last week and are up 5.0 percent for the year."

During the week ended May 23, strong gains were registered in loadings of motor vehicles and equipment (14.8 percent), chemicals (8.1 percent) and metallic ores (9.0 percent). Carloadings were up 4.4 percent in the East and down 0.4 percent in the West.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 1992	SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	21,006	21,646	-3.0 %	21,694	-3.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,259	1,789	26.3	2,327	-2.9
Metallic Ores	19,536	17,916	9.0	20,454	-4.5
Coal	124,782	127,924	-2.5	122,942	1.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,802	14,395	2.8	14,121	4.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,607	9,143	5.1	9,140	5.1
Grain Mill Products	9,743	10,447	-6.7	9,926	-1.8
Food & Kindred Products	9,277	9,205	0.8	9,383	-1.1
Primary Forest Products	9,718	9,074	7.1	9,457	2.8
Lumber & Wood Products	6,255	6,374	-1.9	6,081	2.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,719	10,368	3.4	10,126	5.9
Chemicals	29,911	27,675	8.1	30,511	-2.0
Petroleum Products	5,819	4,993	16.5	5,732	1.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,228	9,475	7.9	9,915	3.2
Coke	5,917	4,960	19.3	5,428	9.0
Metals & Products	9,431	9,901	-4.7	10,309	-8.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,419	17,786	14.8	20,765	-1.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,118	8,286	10.0	9,333	-2.3
All Other Carloads	7,456	7,725	-3.5	7,069	5.5
Total	336,003	329,082	2.1 %	334,713	0.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 21 WEEKS ENDING MAY 23, 1992		
TRAFFIC	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	336,003	329,082	2.1 %	6,768,908	6,608,930	2.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,159	60,469	9.4	1,289,511	1,237,630	4.2
Containers	63,393	55,176	14.9	1,313,499	1,153,249	13.9
Total	129,552	115,645	12.0	2,603,010	2,390,879	8.9
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.8	20.0	4.0 %	429.2	408.6	5.0 %

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WASHINGTON, June 4, 1992 -- Railroad freight traffic showed strong gains during the week ended May 30 from the comparable week last year, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Carload traffic was up 6.5 percent for the week, totalling 302,987 cars, with volume up 8.0 percent in the East and 5.0 percent in the West. Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloads, totaled 113,250 containers and trailers, up 10.1 percent. Ton-miles were estimated at 18.7 billion, up 8.1 percent from last year. Both the 1992 and 1991 weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

"Once again the increase in carloadings is leading the recorded national growth figures," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "But," he cautioned, "the increase may be somewhat influenced by the anticipation of a possible rail strike later this month."

Among commodities registering solid gains were coke (38.0 percent), metallic ores (21.3 percent), motor vehicles and equipment (13.4 percent) and chemicals (11.0 percent). "It is heartening to see the 4.0 gain in coal traffic, which has been down most of this year," Dr. Levine added.

For the first 22 weeks of 1992, the AAR estimated total rail freight traffic at 447.9 billion ton-miles, up 5.2 percent from the comparable period in 1991. Intermodal traffic totaled 2,716,260 trailers and containers, up 8.9 percent. Railroads originated 7,071,508 carloads, up 2.6 percent from 1991.

Reporting railroads account for 94 percent of total rail freight traffic and 97 percent of intermodal.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	18,508	19,046	-2.8 %	21,006	-11.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,974	1,748	12.9	2,259	-12.6
Metallic Ores	19,523	16,100	21.3	19,408	0.6
Coal	112,094	107,819	4.0	124,822	-10.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,964	12,419	-3.7	14,786	-19.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,748	7,541	16.0	9,607	-8.9
Grain Mill Products	9,148	9,356	-2.2	9,743	-6.1
Food & Kindred Products	7,962	7,703	3.4	9,284	-14.2
Primary Forest Products	8,399	7,861	6.8	9,708	-13.5
Lumber & Wood Products	5,603	5,951	-5.8	6,258	-10.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,142	10,553	5.6	10,712	4.0
Chemicals	27,093	24,400	11.0	29,873	-9.3
Petroleum Products	5,041	4,156	21.3	5,844	-13.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,985	8,237	9.1	10,235	-12.2
Coke	6,689	4,848	38.0	5,867	14.0
Metals & Products	9,153	8,671	5.6	9,228	-0.8
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,606	14,649	13.4	20,419	-18.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,183	7,008	16.8	9,137	-10.4
All Other Carloads	6,172	6,315	-2.3	7,420	-16.8
Total	302,987	284,381	6.5 %	335,616	-9.7 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 22 WEEKS ENDING MAY 30, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	302,987	284,381	6.5 %	7,071,508	6,893,311	2.6 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	56,614	51,660	9.6	1,346,125	1,289,290	4.4
Containers	56,636	51,242	10.5	1,370,135	1,204,491	13.8
Total	113,250	102,902	10.1	2,716,260	2,493,781	8.9
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.7	17.3	8.1 %	447.9	425.9	5.2 %

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WASHINGTON, June 11, 1992 -- All three general measures of rail freight traffic -- carloadings, intermodal and ton-miles -- rose again last week, the Association of American Railroads reported.

Carloadings during the week ended June 6 rose 1.2 percent from the comparable week last year, with volume up 1.4 percent in the East and 1.0 percent in the West. Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, jumped 12.5 percent to 132,240 trailers and containers. Ton-miles were up 3.0 percent to 20.6 billion.

"Rail traffic so far this year reflects a buoying economy," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "Traffic has been up 16 consecutive weeks," he noted, adding that for the first 23 weeks of this year intermodal traffic is up a strong 9.1 percent over last year, and all other traffic is up an average of 2.5 percent.

"These respectable trends are reflected generally across the board, with coal and, over the past five weeks, lumber and wood products lagging the pattern."

For the first 23 weeks of 1992, carloadings totalled 7,403,473, up 2.5 percent over 1991. Intermodal volume totalled 2,848,500, up 9.1 percent over 1991. Ton-mileage totalled 467.4 billion, up 4.8 percent.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	22,626	23,093	-2.0 %	18,508	22.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,439	1,919	27.1	1,974	23.6
Metallic Ores	18,498	18,200	1.6	19,523	-5.3
Coal	124,090	126,214	-1.7	112,094	10.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,778	15,325	-3.6	11,964	23.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,731	9,468	2.8	8,748	11.2
Grain Mill Products	10,088	9,945	1.4	9,148	10.3
Food & Kindred Products	9,411	8,925	5.4	7,962	18.2
Primary Forest Products	9,269	9,271	0.0	8,399	10.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,406	6,159	-12.2	5,603	-3.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,575	10,551	0.2	11,142	-5.1
Chemicals	28,375	27,477	3.3	27,093	4.7
Petroleum Products	5,696	4,943	15.2	5,041	13.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,999	9,694	3.1	8,985	11.3
Coke	5,542	4,776	16.0	6,689	-17.1
Metals & Products	9,295	9,550	-2.7	9,153	1.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,883	17,296	15.0	16,606	19.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,839	7,587	16.5	8,183	8.0
All Other Carloads	7,425	7,579	-2.0	6,172	20.3
Total	**331,965**	**327,972**	**1.2 %**	**302,987**	**9.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 23 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 6, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**331,965**	**327,972**	**1.2 %**	**7,403,473**	**7,221,537**	**2.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,070	61,544	9.0	1,413,195	1,350,834	4.6
Containers	65,170	55,959	16.5	1,435,305	1,260,450	13.9
Total	**132,240**	**117,503**	**12.5**	**2,848,500**	**2,611,284**	**9.1**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.6**	**20.0**	**3.0 %**	**467.4 r**	**445.8**	**4.8 %**

r Cumulative 1992 ton-miles revised to reflect reported ton-miles for 1st Quarter 1992.

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WASHINGTON, June 18, 1992 -- Despite a threatened national rail strike next week, rail freight traffic rose only modestly last week from year earlier levels, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"Although shippers haven't begun a lot of stockpiling in anticipation of a strike, a strike at this time would be particularly disruptive to the economy's fragile recovery," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "Railroads have been at the forefront of the economic recovery, with traffic growing faster than the economy as a whole since the beginning of the year."

Dr. Levine pointed out that the automobile industry has only recently reported signs of a recovery -- "and that recovery could be stopped dead in its tracks by a rail strike." Automotive traffic was up 8.9 percent during the week ended June 13, he noted, and is up 16.3 percent over last year for the first 24 weeks of 1992. Railroads provide about two-thirds of the automobile industry's transportation needs, moving parts to assembly lines on a just-in-time basis and moving finished autos from the plant as they come off the assembly line.

Both domestic and international grain movements could also be disrupted by a rail strike. The Chicago Board of Trade noted this, adding that "the entire country would suffer and any economic recovery would be reversed" by a strike. Grain

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volume has recently been showing strong growth, with rail grain shipments up 12.2 percent over last year in the week ended June 13.

During the most recent week, railroads provided an estimated 21.1 billion ton-miles of freight service, up 3.4 percent from the comparable week last year. Intermodal volume totaled 128,436 trailers and containers, up 5.9 percent. Carloadings, which do not include intermodal, totaled 340,422, up 1.5 percent. Carloadings were up 4.1 percent in the West, but down 0.8 percent in the East.

For the first 24 weeks of 1992, ton-miles were estimated at 488.5 billion, up 4.8 percent from the first 24 weeks of 1991. Railroads have moved a total of 2,976,936 trailers and containers, up 8.9 percent from last year. Cumulative carloadings are up 2.5 percent for the year. Out of 19 individual commodity groups, eighteen are up for the year, with coal the only exception.

"While the decline in coal traffic continues to be disappointing, it is reassuring to observe the consistent gains in grain, chemicals, and especially automobile traffic," said Dr. Levine. "Furthermore, the continued gains in intermodal traffic, up 5.9 percent for the week and 8.9 percent for the year, bode well for the industry."

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of the industry's carload traffic and 97 percent of its intermodal volume.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,132	22,445	12.0 %	22,642	11.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,261	2,021	11.9	2,442	-7.4
Metallic Ores	17,581	18,391	-4.4	18,498	-5.0
Coal	128,116	130,572	-1.9	124,042	3.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,023	15,680	-4.2	14,783	1.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,941	8,603	15.6	9,731	2.2
Grain Mill Products	10,347	9,821	5.4	10,094	2.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,428	8,925	5.6	9,411	0.2
Primary Forest Products	9,061	9,236	-1.9	9,269	-2.2
Lumber & Wood Products	5,832	6,324	-7.8	5,409	7.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,736	10,480	2.4	10,577	1.5
Chemicals	29,238	27,439	6.6	28,360	3.1
Petroleum Products	5,850	5,536	5.7	5,696	2.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,859	10,245	-3.8	9,996	-1.4
Coke	5,538	5,020	10.3	5,542	-0.1
Metals & Products	8,899	10,022	-11.2	9,317	-4.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,611	18,927	8.9	20,436	0.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,231	8,512	8.4	8,876	4.0
All Other Carloads	7,738	7,345	5.4	7,445	3.9
Total	**340,422**	**335,544**	**1.5 %**	**332,566**	**2.4 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 24 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 13, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**340,422**	**335,544**	**1.5 %**	**7,744,496**	**7,557,086**	**2.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,472	63,111	2.2	1,477,667	1,413,945	4.5
Containers	63,964	58,139	10.0	1,499,269	1,318,589	13.7
Total	**128,436**	**121,250**	**5.9**	**2,976,936**	**2,732,534**	**8.9**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.1**	**20.4**	**3.4 %**	**488.5**	**466.2**	**4.8 %**

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WASHINGTON, June 25, 1992 -- No unusual increases in rail freight traffic that might be attributed to pre-strike stockpiling were reported during the week ended June 20, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Carloadings totaled 345,139, up 2.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991, an increase that also matches the increase in cumulative traffic for the first 25 weeks of 1992. The 6.5 percent increase in intermodal volume -- which is not included in carloadings -- was actually less than the 8.8 percent cumulative increase reported for the first 25 weeks of the year. Ton-mileage was up 4.9 percent for the week to 509.9 billion, slightly greater than the 4.8 percent gain reported in cumulative 25-week totals.

"This week's figures predate the strike that began at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and do not reflect any unusual stockpiling," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

He noted the similarity in the percentage increases in carloadings for both the week and 25-week period, adding:

"Furthermore, the percentage change in weekly volume for many individual commodities is similar to what it is on a cumulative basis -- coal traffic down, with autos, paper and chemicals up. Two notable exceptions are the -1.2 percent and -8.7 percent declines in grain and lumber traffic during the week -- the latter a reflection of the drop in housing starts."

For the first 25 weeks of 1992, carloadings totaled 8,089,635, up 2.5 percent from the same period of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 3,107,794 trailers and containers, up 8.8 percent. Ton-mileage was estimated at 509.9 billion, up 4.8 percent.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,164	26,486	-1.2 %	25,132	4.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,060	1,936	6.4	2,261	-8.9
Metallic Ores	21,576	19,028	13.4	17,581	22.7
Coal	127,299	128,946	-1.3	128,116	-0.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,809	14,550	8.7	15,023	5.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,618	10,064	-4.4	9,941	-3.2
Grain Mill Products	10,850	9,930	7.3	10,347	2.9
Food & Kindred Products	9,024	9,155	-1.4	9,428	-4.3
Primary Forest Products	9,456	9,559	-1.1	9,061	4.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,891	6,451	-8.7	5,832	1.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,780	10,196	5.7	10,736	0.4
Chemicals	28,751	25,889	11.1	29,238	-1.7
Petroleum Products	5,861	5,352	9.5	5,850	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,503	9,928	5.8	9,859	6.5
Coke	5,722	4,949	15.6	5,538	3.3
Metals & Products	9,564	9,611	-0.5	8,899	7.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,210	18,910	6.9	20,611	-1.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,781	8,059	9.0	9,231	-4.9
All Other Carloads	7,420	7,669	-3.2	7,738	-4.1
Total	**345,139**	**336,668**	**2.5 %**	**340,422**	**1.4 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 25 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 20, 1992		
	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**345,139**	**336,668**	**2.5 %**	**8,099,635**	**7,893,754**	**2.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,534	64,050	2.3	1,543,222	1,477,995	4.4
Containers	65,274	58,804	11.0	1,564,572	1,377,393	13.6
Total	**130,808**	**122,854**	**6.5**	**3,107,794**	**2,855,388**	**8.8**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.4**	**20.4**	**4.9 %**	**509.9**	**486.6**	**4.8 %**

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WASHINGTON, July 2, 1992 -- Last weeks' two-day rail strike brought about a large reduction in rail traffic for the week ended June 27, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Railroads originated 261,226 carloads of freight for the week, down 17.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloads, was off 21.6 percent, totaling 98,925 containers and trailers. Ton-miles were estimated at 15.8 billion, down 18.1 percent.

"The sustained growth in 1992 rail traffic over last year's volume was substantially undermined by last week's strike," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

"Inactivity during June 24 and 25 slashed carload volume for the week ending June 27 by 24.4 percent from the previous week," he added. "By and large, the effect of the strike was evenly disbursed among commodities and intermodal traffic, as well as across railroads."

For the first 26 weeks of 1992, cumulative carloadings totaled 8,351,081, up 1.7 percent from 1991. Intermodal volume was up 7.6 percent, totaling 3,206,719 containers and trailers. Ton-miles for the period were estimated at 525.7 billion, up 3.9 percent from 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	20,830	25,976	-19.8 %	26,296	-20.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,712	1,851	-7.5	2,063	-17.0
Metallic Ores	18,404	17,336	6.2	21,576	-14.7
Coal	89,138	111,846	-20.3	127,299	-30.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,866	14,689	-19.2	15,838	-25.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	6,256	9,149	-31.6	9,618	-35.0
Grain Mill Products	8,544	9,912	-13.8	10,686	-20.0
Food & Kindred Products	6,633	8,758	-24.3	9,022	-26.5
Primary Forest Products	7,940	9,277	-14.4	9,456	-16.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,244	6,805	-22.9	5,888	-10.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,446	10,585	-10.8	10,783	-12.4
Chemicals	23,244	28,172	-17.5	28,762	-19.2
Petroleum Products	4,908	5,293	-7.3	5,870	-16.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,188	9,339	-12.3	10,501	-22.0
Coke	5,478	5,255	4.2	5,722	-4.3
Metals & Products	6,963	9,658	-27.9	9,520	-26.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,146	18,231	-22.4	20,221	-30.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,775	8,277	-18.1	8,772	-22.8
All Other Carloads	5,511	7,163	-23.1	7,466	-26.2
Total	261,226	317,572	-17.7 %	345,359	-24.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 26 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 27, 1992 1992	19[illegible]	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	261,226	317,572	-17.7 %	8,351,081	8,211,326	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	47,492	67,299	-29.4	1,590,714	1,545,294	2.9
Containers	51,433	58,810	-12.5	1,616,005	1,436,203	12.5
Total	98,925	126,109	-21.6	3,206,719	2,981,497	7.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	15.8	19.3	-18.1 %	525.7	505.9	3.9 %

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WASHINGTON, July 9, 1992 -- Railroad freight traffic rebounded sharply last week from the effects of the two-day rail strike the week before, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"While the strike obviously had some effect on last week's loadings, it's difficult to determine the magnitude of that impact -- especially since last week's loadings were further distorted by the July Fourth holiday," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

Carloadings during the week ended July 4 totaled 299,275, up 15.9 percent from the comparable week of 1991 with loadings up 27.2 percent in East and 6.4 percent in the West. Intermodal traffic, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 120,130 containers and trailers, up 21.7 percent from the corresponding 1991 week. Total volume was estimated a 19.0 billion ton-miles, up 18.0 percent from 1991.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1992 totaled 8,650,356 carloads, up 2.1 percent from the comparable 1991 period. "That increase is especially encouraging, given the 2.0 percent decrease in coal -- a commodity that accounts for 41 percent of rail tonnage," Dr. Levine said.

Also for the first 27 weeks of 1992, intermodal traffic totaled 3,326,849 trailers and containers, up 8.0 percent from 1991. Ton-miles were estimated at 544.7 billion, up 4.3 percent.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,024	21,581	11.3 %	20,830	15.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,970	1,514	30.1	1,712	15.1
Metallic Ores	20,680	17,698	16.8	18,404	12.4
Coal	110,112	87,931	25.2	89,138	23.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,083	11,512	13.6	11,866	10.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,904	8,222	-3.9	6,256	26.3
Grain Mill Products	8,982	8,795	2.1	8,544	5.1
Food & Kindred Products	7,927	7,411	7.0	6,633	19.5
Primary Forest Products	8,087	6,578	22.9	7,940	1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	5,322	4,078	30.5	5,244	1.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,277	9,936	3.4	9,446	8.8
Chemicals	24,771	24,665	0.4	23,244	6.6
Petroleum Products	5,354	4,525	18.3	4,908	9.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,783	8,397	4.6	8,188	7.3
Coke	5,455	5,311	2.7	5,478	-0.4
Metals & Products	8,840	8,249	7.2	6,963	27.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	13,685	10,123	35.2	14,146	-3.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,319	5,776	26.7	6,775	8.0
All Other Carloads	6,700	5,946	12.7	5,511	21.6
Total	**299,275**	**258,248**	**15.9 %**	**261,226**	**14.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 27 WEEKS ENDING JULY 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**299,275**	**258,248**	**15.9 %**	**8,650,356**	**8,469,808**	**2.1 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	61,031	50,393	21.1	1,651,745	1,595,687	3.5
Containers	59,099	48,284	22.4	1,675,104	1,484,487	12.8
Total	**120,130**	**98,677**	**21.7**	**3,326,849**	**3,080,174**	**8.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.0**	**16.1**	**18.0 %**	**544.7**	**522.1**	**4.3 %**

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WASHINGTON, July 16, 1992 -- Freight traffic on the nation's railroads dropped slightly during the week ended July 11, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"While the overall figures are not favorable, they were distorted by a substantial decline in coal traffic," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "Without the 7.7 percent decline in coal traffic during the week, rail traffic would have increased by 2.3 percent instead of declining by 0.5 percent."

Dr. Levine noted that intermodal traffic continued to show gains from the year-earlier period during the week. Automotive, chemical and metallic ore loadings also showed strong gains during the week, he added.

Overall, railroads originated 311,188 carloads of freight during the week, down 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Loadings were up 4.1 percent in the West, but down 5.0 percent in the East.

Intermodal traffic, which is not included in carloadings, rose 4.1 percent to 119,990 trailers and containers. The AAR estimated ton-miles at 19.6 billion, down 0.5 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 28 weeks of 1992, railroads originated 8,962,031 carloads of freight, up 2.0 percent from the comparable 1991 period. Intermodal volume totaled 3,449,056 containers and trailers, up 7.9 percent. Total traffic was estimated at 564.4 billion ton-miles, up 4.2 percent from the first 28 weeks of 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,413	25,880	2.1 %	24,011	10.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,964	1,226	60.2	1,968	-0.2
Metallic Ores	21,063	17,883	17.8	20,680	1.9
Coal	108,619	117,621	-7.7	110,112	-1.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,610	14,575	0.2	13,088	11.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,152	9,997	-8.5	7,904	15.8
Grain Mill Products	9,735	9,933	-2.0	8,985	8.3
Food & Kindred Products	8,639	8,590	0.6	7,925	9.0
Primary Forest Products	8,898	9,403	-5.4	8,087	10.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,254	5,251	0.1	5,318	-1.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,919	10,357	5.4	10,276	6.3
Chemicals	28,175	27,069	4.1	24,808	13.6
Petroleum Products	6,124	5,322	15.1	5,328	14.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,722	9,461	2.8	8,782	10.7
Coke	5,953	5,272	12.9	5,455	9.1
Metals & Products	8,229	8,746	-5.9	8,981	-8.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,685	11,333	11.9	14,188	-10.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,008	7,483	7.0	7,315	9.5
All Other Carloads	7,026	7,328	-4.1	6,769	3.8
Total	**311,188**	**312,730**	**-0.5 %**	**299,980**	**3.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 28 WEEKS ENDING JULY 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**311,188**	**312,730**	**-0.5 %**	**8,962,031**	**8,782,538**	**2.0 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,469	56,401	3.7	1,709,701	1,652,088	3.5
Containers	61,521	58,907	4.4	1,739,355	1,543,394	12.7
Total	**119,990**	**115,308**	**4.1**	**3,449,056**	**3,195,482**	**7.9**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.6**	**19.7**	**-0.5 %**	**564.4**	**541.7**	**4.2 %**

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WASHINGTON, July 23, 1992 -- Carloadings on the nation's major railroads showed a slight decline from year-earlier levels during the week ended July 18, 1992, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"The 0.2 percent drop in carloadings was spurred by declines in the three highest-volume commodities carried by railroads: coal, down 6.9 percent; grain, down 3.6 percent; and chemicals, down 0.2 percent," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

Overall, carloadings totaled 324,033 for the week ended July 18, down 0.2 percent from the comparable week in 1991. Loadings were up 3.2 percent in the West but down 3.3 percent in the East.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 129,512 trailers and containers, up 7.5 percent from the corresponding 1991 week. Total traffic was estimated at 20.4 billion ton-miles, the same as a year earlier.

Dr. Levine noted that "cumulative change in railroad carloadings remained at a positive 2.0 percent. This reflects the relatively modest growth in the nation's economy so far this year."

For the first 29 weeks of 1992, carloadings totaled 9,286,304, up 2.0 percent from the first 29 weeks of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 3,578,568, up 7.9 percent. Ton-miles were estimated at 584.8 billion, up 4.0 percent.

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CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,592	27,590	-3.6 %	26,180	1.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,723	1,057	63.0	1,964	-12.3
Metallic Ores	20,900	17,069	22.4	21,063	-0.8
Coal	117,622	126,356	-6.9	108,619	8.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,265	14,201	7.5	14,617	4.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,105	9,047	11.7	9,152	10.4
Grain Mill Products	9,699	9,959	-2.6	9,713	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,736	8,495	2.8	8,650	1.0
Primary Forest Products	9,673	9,530	1.5	8,898	8.7
Lumber & Wood Products	5,533	5,458	1.4	5,261	5.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,556	10,387	1.6	10,920	-3.3
Chemicals	26,867	26,928	-0.2	28,219	-4.8
Petroleum Products	5,923	5,419	9.3	6,090	-2.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,670	9,620	0.5	9,725	-0.6
Coke	5,958	5,230	13.9	5,953	0.1
Metals & Products	8,839	9,209	-4.0	8,393	5.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,566	13,648	6.7	13,028	11.8
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,672	8,064	7.5	8,008	8.3
All Other Carloads	7,134	7,323	-2.6	6,975	2.3
Total	**324,033**	**324,590**	**-0.2 %**	**311,428**	**4.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 29 WEEKS ENDING JULY 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**324,033**	**324,590**	**-0.2 %**	**9,286,304**	**9,107,128**	**2.0 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	62,620	59,487	5.3	1,772,321	1,711,575	3.5
Containers	66,892	61,019	9.6	1,806,247	1,604,413	12.6
Total	**129,512**	**120,506**	**7.5**	**3,578,568**	**3,315,988**	**7.9**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.4**	**20.4**	**0.0 %**	**584.8**	**562.1**	**4.0 %**

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WASHINGTON, July 30, 1992 -- Rail carloadings fell from year earlier levels during the week ended July 25, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"While one week does not constitute a trend, the 2.0 percent decline in carloadings is somewhat discouraging because it follows several other weeks of either declines, or only modest increases," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "Once again, the reduction in coal traffic dominated the overall decline."

During the week ended July 25, railroads reported 322,900 carloadings, down 2.0 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Loadings were up 0.2 percent in the West, but down 4.1 percent in the East.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 132,373 trailers and containers, up 5.4 percent from last year. The AAR estimated total freight traffic at 20.4 billion ton-miles, down 0.5 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 30 weeks of 1992, rail carloadings totaled 9,608,821, up 1.8 percent from the comparable period of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 3,710,941 containers and trailers, up 7.8 percent. Ton-miles were estimated at 605.2 billion, up 3.9 percent from 1991's first 30 weeks.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,531	26,618	-0.3 %	26,592	-0.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,428	840	70.0	1,723	-17.1
Metallic Ores	17,720	17,284	2.5	20,525	-13.7
Coal	123,558	130,842	-5.6	117,622	5.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,708	14,386	2.2	15,265	-3.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,377	9,674	-23.7	10,104	-27.0
Grain Mill Products	9,603	10,238	-6.2	9,696	-1.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,439	8,797	7.3	8,736	8.0
Primary Forest Products	9,517	9,663	-1.5	9,673	-1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	5,699	5,568	2.4	5,533	3.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,820	10,408	4.0	10,556	2.5
Chemicals	27,727	27,437	1.1	26,867	3.2
Petroleum Products	6,037	5,578	8.2	5,923	1.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,864	9,840	0.2	9,670	2.0
Coke	5,680	5,068	12.1	5,958	-4.7
Metals & Products	9,446	9,667	-2.3	8,839	6.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,080	12,666	-4.6	14,566	-17.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,265	7,760	6.5	8,668	-4.6
All Other Carloads	7,401	7,176	3.1	7,134	3.7
Total	322,900	329,510	-2.0 %	323,650	-0.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 30 WEEKS ENDING JULY 25, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	322,900	329,510	-2.0 %	9,608,821	9,436,638	1.8 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,610	62,549	1.7	1,835,931	1,774,124	3.5
Containers	68,763	63,018	9.1	1,875,010	1,667,431	12.4
Total	132,373	125,567	5.4	3,710,941	3,441,555	7.8
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.4	20.5	-0.5 %	605.2	582.6	3.9 %

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WASHINGTON, August 6, 1992 -- Rail carloadings during the week ended August 1 exceeded 322,000, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Carloadings are up almost 2 percent for the first 31 weeks of 1992.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 134,156 trailers and containers, up 6.6 percent from the same week last year. "Railroads continue to gain freight that previously moved by highway," noted Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of economics and finance for the AAR. "Through the first 31 weeks of 1992, intermodal volume is up an impressive 8 percent."

The AAR estimated total freight traffic for the week at 20.3 billion ton-miles, and 625.5 billion for the first 31 weeks of the year. The latter figure represents a gain of 3.7 percent over a similar period in 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,543	26,237	-2.6 %	26,552	-3.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,078	919	17.3	1,428	-24.5
Metallic Ores	17,387	17,633	-1.4	17,639	-1.4
Coal	121,209	124,967	-3.0	123,558	-1.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,526	14,671	12.6	14,698	12.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,276	8,660	-4.4	7,377	12.2
Grain Mill Products	9,760	10,469	-6.8	9,606	1.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,139	9,152	-0.1	9,435	-3.1
Primary Forest Products	9,623	8,916	7.9	9,517	1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,271	5,814	7.9	5,698	10.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,782	10,521	2.5	10,816	-0.3
Chemicals	28,260	27,748	1.8	27,529	2.7
Petroleum Products	5,799	5,552	4.4	6,035	-3.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,615	9,877	-2.7	9,865	-2.5
Coke	5,531	5,066	9.2	5,680	-2.6
Metals & Products	10,093	10,295	-2.0	9,405	7.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	11,110	12,090	-8.1	11,161	-0.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,504	7,704	10.4	8,271	2.8
All Other Carloads	7,769	7,594	2.3	7,395	5.1
Total	322,275	323,885	-0.5 %	321,665	0.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 31 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads–Originated	322,275	323,885	-0.5 %	9,929,861	9,760,523	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,049	64,218	2.9	1,901,980	1,838,342	3.5
Containers	68,107	61,630	10.5	1,943,117	1,729,061	12.4
Total	134,156	125,848	6.6	3,845,097	3,567,403	7.8
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.3	20.2	0.5 %	625.5	602.9	3.7 %

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WASHINGTON, August 13, 1992 -- Rail carloadings fell from year earlier levels during the week ended August 8, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of economics and finance for the AAR noted, "This marks the fifth consecutive week that carloadings have declined. However, intermodal traffic continues to outperform 1991 levels."

During the week ended August 8, railroads reported 326,195 carloadings, down 3.1 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Loadings were down 3.9 percent in the West, and down 2.3 percent in the East.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 131,978 trailers and containers, up 7.9 percent from last year. The AAR estimated total freight traffic at 20.5 billion ton-miles, down 1.9 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 32 weeks of 1992, rail carloadings totaled 10,256,634, up 1.6 percent from the comparable period of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 3,976,953 containers and trailers, up 7.8 percent. Ton-miles were estimated at 646.1 billion, up 3.6 percent from 1991's first 32 weeks.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,221	27,215	-7.3 %	25,543	-1.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,015	839	21.0	1,078	-5.8
Metallic Ores	18,577	19,759	-6.0	17,681	5.1
Coal	124,917	134,770	-7.3	121,215	3.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,526	15,189	2.2	16,738	-7.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,212	9,928	-7.2	8,276	11.3
Grain Mill Products	10,554	10,139	4.1	9,760	8.1
Food & Kindred Products	9,354	9,229	1.4	9,139	2.4
Primary Forest Products	9,175	8,784	4.5	9,623	-4.7
Lumber & Wood Products	5,345	5,203	2.7	6,273	-14.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,346	10,402	-0.5	10,782	-4.0
Chemicals	27,383	27,123	1.0	28,324	-3.3
Petroleum Products	6,317	5,630	12.2	5,799	8.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,933	9,917	0.2	9,615	3.3
Coke	5,799	5,238	10.7	5,534	4.8
Metals & Products	8,783	9,511	-7.7	10,094	-13.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	13,440	12,760	5.3	11,110	21.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,265	7,831	5.5	8,519	-3.0
All Other Carloads	7,033	7,157	-1.7	7,750	-9.3
Total	**326,195**	**336,624**	**-3.1 %**	**322,853**	**1.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 32 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	326,195	336,624	-3.1 %	10,256,634	10,097,147	1.6 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,529	61,570	6.4	1,967,453	1,899,912	3.6
Containers	66,449	60,747	9.4	2,009,500	1,789,808	12.3
Total	131,978	122,317	7.9	3,976,953	3,689,720	7.8
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.5	20.9	-1.9 %	646.1	623.8	3.6 %

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WASHINGTON, August 20, 1992 -- Carload freight traffic dropped slightly during the week end August 15 from year-earlier levels, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

However, Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department, noted, "Despite the decline in carloadings, a number of key commodities -- such as motor vehicles, lumber and wood products and crushed stone, sand and gravel -- showed strength last week, and intermodal continues to run well ahead of last year."

In all, major railroads originated 336,507 carloads of freight during the week ended August 15, down just 183 cars or 0.1 percent from the comparable week in 1991. Intermodal traffic, which is not included in carloads, was up 6.0 percent, totalling 133,441 containers and trailers. Estimated ton-miles were up 1.4 percent, totalling 21.2 billion.

For the first 33 weeks of 1992, the AAR reported carloadings totaled 10,593,083, up 1.5 percent from the same period of 1991. Intermodal volume was 4,110,394 trailers and containers, up 7.7 percent from 1991. Ton-miles for the first 33 weeks were estimated at 667.3 billion, up 3.5 percent from last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 15, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 15, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,333	26,373	-3.9 %	25,221	0.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,038	819	26.7	1,015	2.3
Metallic Ores	19,344	19,884	-2.7	18,577	4.1
Coal	129,114	133,401	-3.2	124,917	3.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,404	14,645	12.0	15,526	5.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,240	9,695	-4.7	9,212	0.3
Grain Mill Products	10,210	10,471	-2.5	10,554	-3.3
Food & Kindred Products	9,358	9,203	1.7	9,354	0.0
Primary Forest Products	8,968	8,978	-0.1	9,175	-2.3
Lumber & Wood Products	5,564	5,266	5.7	5,345	4.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,490	10,647	-1.5	10,346	1.4
Chemicals	28,169	28,129	0.1	27,548	2.3
Petroleum Products	6,009	5,713	5.2	6,317	-4.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,913	9,613	3.1	9,933	-0.2
Coke	5,895	4,931	19.5	5,799	1.7
Metals & Products	9,436	9,531	-1.0	8,783	7.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,288	14,274	14.1	13,440	21.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,838	8,366	5.6	8,265	6.9
All Other Carloads	6,896	6,751	2.1	7,033	-1.9
Total	336,507	336,690	-0.1 %	326,360	3.1 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 15, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 33 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 15, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	336,507	336,690	-0.1 %	10,593,083	10,433,837	1.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,916	63,190	2.7	2,032,369	1,963,102	3.5
Containers	68,525	62,718	9.3	2,078,025	1,852,526	12.2
Total	133,441	125,908	6.0	4,110,394	3,815,628	7.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.2	20.9	1.4 %	667.3	644.7	3.5 %

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WASHINGTON, August 27, 1992 -- For the first time in seven weeks, carload freight traffic edged ahead of year-earlier figures during the week ended August 22, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Overall, loadings totaled 341,231 during the week ended August 22, up 0.4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier. Loadings were up 4.7 percent in the West, but down 3.5 percent in the East.

Intermodal traffic, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 135,200 trailers and containers, up 6.6 percent from last year. The AAR estimated total freight traffic at 21.6 billion ton-miles, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding 1991 week.

Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department, noted that "the weekly increase in intermodal traffic represents a steady trend throughout 1992. Cumulative is up 7.7 percent for the year, and that's a reflection of the excellent service being offered by rail-truck partnerships."

For the first 34 weeks of 1992, carloadings totaled 10,934,193, up 1.5 percent from the first 34 weeks of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 4,245,594 trailers and containers, up 7.7 percent. Cumulative ton-miles were estimated at 688.9 billion, up 3.4 percent from the first 34 weeks of 1991.

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FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,496	27,096	1.5 %	25,333	8.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,014	742	36.7	1,038	-2.3
Metallic Ores	19,358	17,444	11.0	19,344	0.1
Coal	132,665	136,177	-2.6	129,114	2.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,651	15,362	1.9	16,404	-4.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,438	9,284	-9.1	9,240	-8.7
Grain Mill Products	10,170	10,599	-4.0	10,210	-0.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,298	9,039	2.9	9,358	-0.6
Primary Forest Products	9,190	9,188	0.0	8,968	2.5
Lumber & Wood Products	5,847	5,548	5.4	5,564	5.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,816	10,095	-2.8	10,490	-6.4
Chemicals	29,124	27,257	6.8	28,048	3.8
Petroleum Products	6,032	5,551	8.7	6,009	0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,903	9,853	0.5	9,913	-0.1
Coke	5,508	5,416	1.7	5,895	-6.6
Metals & Products	9,300	9,650	-3.6	9,436	-1.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,502	15,883	3.9	16,288	1.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,889	8,198	8.4	8,838	0.6
All Other Carloads	7,030	7,509	-6.4	6,896	1.9
Total	**341,231**	**339,891**	**0.4 %**	**336,386**	**1.4 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 34 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**341,231**	**339,891**	**0.4 %**	**10,934,193**	**10,773,728**	**1.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,045	64,247	4.4	2,099,414	2,027,349	3.6
Containers	68,155	62,634	8.8	2,146,180	1,915,160	12.1
Total	**135,200**	**126,881**	**6.6**	**4,245,594**	**3,942,509**	**7.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.6**	**21.2**	**1.9 %**	**688.9**	**666.0**	**3.4 %**

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WASHINGTON, September 3, 1992 -- Railroad carloadings during the week ended August 29 dropped from year earlier levels for the seventh time in the past eight weeks, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

But Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department, suggested that one should not read any longer-term trend into this one weekly figure.

"After all," stated Dr. Levine, "Hurricane Andrew was partially responsible for the decline in carloadings, with export grain and chemicals being especially hard hit."

Overall, carloadings totaled 339,811, down 2.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Loadings were down 4.3 percent in the East and 0.8 percent in the West.

Intermodal traffic, which is not included in carloadings, rose 4.6 percent from the comparable 1991 week, totaling 137,111 trailers and containers. Railroads moved an estimated 21.6 billion ton-miles during the week ended August 29, down 0.5 percent the same week last year.

For the first 35 weeks of 1992, railroads originated 11,274,758 carloads of freight, up 1.4 percent from the first 35 weeks of 1991. Intermodal traffic for 35 weeks totaled 4,382,507 trailers and containers, up 7.6 percent from the 1991 total. Ton-miles totaled 708.6, up 3 percent from the first 35 weeks of 1991.

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FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,749	29,641	-9.8 %	27,329	-2.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,192	889	34.1	1,014	17.6
Metallic Ores	19,372	20,012	-3.2	19,358	0.1
Coal	130,732	133,344	-2.0	132,664	-1.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,198	14,721	3.2	15,650	-2.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,875	9,014	-1.5	8,438	5.2
Grain Mill Products	10,214	10,463	-2.4	10,200	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	9,093	9,442	-3.7	9,298	-2.2
Primary Forest Products	9,076	9,332	-2.7	9,193	-1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	6,000	6,228	-3.7	5,843	2.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,448	10,903	-4.2	9,825	6.3
Chemicals	27,940	30,707	-9.0	29,133	-4.1
Petroleum Products	5,757	5,265	9.3	6,028	-4.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,881	10,132	-2.5	9,907	-0.3
Coke	5,521	5,668	-2.6	5,508	0.2
Metals & Products	9,672	10,744	-10.0	9,299	4.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,647	16,490	7.0	16,966	4.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,538	8,339	2.4	8,904	-4.1
All Other Carloads	7,906	7,610	3.9	7,041	12.3
Total	339,811	348,944	-2.6 %	341,598	-0.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 35 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 29, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	339,811	348,944	-2.6 %	11,274,758	11,122,672	1.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,488	68,509	-1.5	2,166,859	2,095,858	3.4
Containers	69,623	62,613	11.2	2,215,648	1,977,773	12.0
Total	137,111	131,122	4.6	4,382,507	4,073,631	7.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.6	21.7	-0.5 %	708.6 r	688.0	3.0 %

r Cumulative ton-miles revised to reflect (1) reported ton-miles for 2nd Quarter 1992, (2) reclassification of the Florida East Coast as a Class II railroad (see Ex Parte No. 492), and (3) consolidation of Richmond, Fredricksburg, and Potomac into CSX Transportation

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RAIL INTERMODAL SETS WEEKLY RECORD

WASHINGTON, September 10, 1992 -- Railroads originated more intermodal trailers and containers during the week ended September 5 than in any other week in history, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

In all, railroads originated 143,163 trailers and containers last week, breaking the old record of 138,377 originated during the week ended October 5, 1991. Last week's total was also 29.2 percent ahead of the comparable week of 1991.

"What's significant here is that intermodal has been growing more rapidly than the economy throughout 1992," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "This indicates that more and more shippers are recognizing how much rail service has improved. This is important because growth through quality is the railroad industry's strategy for long-term growth."

Railroads also reported loading 342,882 carloads of freight during the week ended September 5, up 12.3 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Carloadings were up 11.8 percent in the East and 12.8 percent in the West. The AAR estimated total freight traffic at 21.8 billion ton-miles for the week, up 14.7 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

Dr. Levine noted that the Labor Day holiday was included in the 1991 week but is not included this year.

For the first 36 weeks of 1992, carloadings totaled 11,617,407, up 1.7 percent from the comparable 1991 period. Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloads, totaled 4,525,377 trailers and containers, up 8.1 percent from 1991. The AAR estimated total freight traffic for the first 36 weeks of 1992 at 730.4 billion ton-miles, up 3.3 percent from 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of rail carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1992	SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,702	24,449	13.3 %	26,749	3.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,629	838	94.4	1,192	36.7
Metallic Ores	19,718	18,298	7.8	19,372	1.8
Coal	127,227	119,075	6.8	130,732	-2.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,097	12,697	34.7	15,198	12.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,825	8,342	5.8	8,875	-0.6
Grain Mill Products	10,598	9,598	10.4	10,214	3.8
Food & Kindred Products	8,958	7,719	16.1	9,093	-1.5
Primary Forest Products	9,247	8,040	15.0	9,076	1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	5,897	4,529	30.2	6,000	-1.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,103	10,420	6.6	10,448	6.3
Chemicals	29,603	25,991	13.9	27,940	6.0
Petroleum Products	5,903	4,913	20.2	5,757	2.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,550	8,336	26.6	9,881	6.8
Coke	5,280	5,409	-2.4	5,521	-4.4
Metals & Products	9,422	9,387	0.4	9,672	-2.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,293	14,162	22.1	17,647	-2.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,772	6,715	30.6	8,538	2.7
All Other Carloads	8,058	6,380	26.3	7,906	1.9
Total	342,882	305,298	12.3 %	339,811	0.9 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 36 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1992		
TRAFFIC	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	342,882	305,298	12.3 %	11,617,407	11,427,970	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	73,835	55,529	33.0	2,240,560	2,151,387	4.1
Containers	69,328	55,271	25.4	2,284,817	2,033,044	12.4
Total	143,163	110,800	29.2	4,525,377	4,184,431	8.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.8	19.0	14.7 %	730.4	706.9	3.3 %

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WASHINGTON, September 17, 1992 -- The Labor Day holiday caused railroad freight traffic during the week ended September 12 to drop sharply from the corresponding year-earlier week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Carloadings totaled 305,399, down 12.2 percent from the corresponding 1991 week, which did not include the Labor Day holiday. Carloadings were down 17.3 percent in the East and 6.1 percent in the West.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 116,785 trailers or containers, down 10.7 percent from last year. Total rail volume was estimated at 19.4 billion ton-miles, down 10.6 percent from the corresponding 1991 week.

For the first 37 weeks of 1992, railroads originated 11,921,965 carloads of freight, up 1.2 percent from the comparable 1991 period. Intermodal volume totaled 4,630,478 trailers and containers, up 7.3 percent from 1991. Total volume was estimated at 749.7 billion ton-miles, up 2.9 percent from the first 37 weeks of 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992	SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	23,807	27,406	-13.1 %	27,797	-14.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,321	1,320	0.1	1,627	-18.8
Metallic Ores	17,323	16,688	3.8	19,718	-12.1
Coal	117,567	138,518	-15.1	127,240	-7.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,954	15,347	-9.1	17,095	-18.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,067	9,436	-14.5	8,871	-9.1
Grain Mill Products	9,526	10,230	-6.9	10,613	-10.2
Food & Kindred Products	7,869	9,474	-16.9	8,940	-12.0
Primary Forest Products	7,849	9,532	-17.7	9,243	-15.1
Lumber & Wood Products	4,791	5,662	-15.4	5,899	-18.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,330	10,115	2.1	11,121	-7.1
Chemicals	27,070	29,152	-7.1	29,470	-8.1
Petroleum Products	5,301	5,262	0.7	5,934	-10.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,818	9,637	-8.5	10,556	-16.5
Coke	5,108	5,489	-6.9	5,245	-2.6
Metals & Products	8,622	9,647	-10.6	9,475	-9.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,820	17,930	-17.3	17,417	-14.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,485	9,190	-18.6	8,736	-14.3
All Other Carloads	5,771	7,633	-24.4	7,524	-23.3
Total	**305,399**	**347,668**	**-12.2 %**	**342,521**	**-10.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 37 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992		
TRAFFIC	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	305,399	347,668	-12.2 %	11,921,965	11,775,389	1.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,830	66,850	-12.0	2,288,865	2,214,662	3.4
Containers	57,955	63,943	-9.4	2,341,613	2,099,103	11.6
Total	**116,785**	**130,793**	**-10.7**	**4,630,478**	**4,313,765**	**7.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.4	21.7	-10.6 %	749.7	728.7	2.9 %

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WASHINGTON, September 24, 1992 -- Freight traffic on the nation's railroads remained sluggish during the week ended September 19, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Railroads originated 339,901 carloads of freight during the week, down 0.7 percent from the comparable week in 1991, said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department. Loadings were off 3.1 percent in the East, but up 2.1 percent in the West.

In spite of the overall decline in carloadings, Dr. Levine noted that a 6.4 percent increase in intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, "is a continuation of a consistent weekly trend throughout 1992." In all, railroads originated 142,887 trailers and containers, the second highest weekly total ever reported.

The AAR estimated overall freight traffic for the week at 21.4 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as during the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 38 weeks of 1992, the AAR reported total carloadings of 12,262,112, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Intermodal volume totaled 4,773,365 trailers and containers, up 7.3 percent from 1991. Total freight volume was estimated at 771.1 billion ton-miles, up 2.8 percent from the first 38 weeks of 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,375	28,649	-11.4 %	23,807	6.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,272	1,873	-32.1	1,321	-3.7
Metallic Ores	17,047	17,234	-1.1	17,323	-1.6
Coal	129,583	132,023	-1.8	117,567	10.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,407	14,867	10.4	13,954	17.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,662	9,960	-3.0	8,067	19.8
Grain Mill Products	10,009	10,011	0.0	9,526	5.1
Food & Kindred Products	9,509	9,317	2.1	7,869	20.8
Primary Forest Products	9,616	9,279	3.6	7,849	22.5
Lumber & Wood Products	5,685	5,678	0.1	4,791	18.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,122	10,299	8.0	10,330	7.7
Chemicals	29,291	27,200	7.7	27,316	7.2
Petroleum Products	5,853	5,258	11.3	5,301	10.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,515	9,774	7.6	8,818	19.2
Coke	5,732	5,436	5.4	5,108	12.2
Metals & Products	9,532	10,271	-7.2	8,622	10.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,485	18,847	-1.9	14,820	24.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,005	8,989	0.2	7,485	20.3
All Other Carloads	6,201	7,268	-14.7	5,771	7.5
Total	**339,901**	**342,233**	**-0.7 %**	**305,645**	**11.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 38 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**339,901**	**342,233**	**-0.7 %**	**12,262,112**	**12,117,622**	**1.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	72,572	67,648	7.3	2,361,437	2,282,310	3.5
Containers	70,315	66,607	5.6	2,411,928	2,165,710	11.4
Total	**142,887**	**134,255**	**6.4**	**4,773,365**	**4,448,020**	**7.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.4**	**21.4**	**0.0 %**	**771.1**	**750.1**	**2.8 %**

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WASHINGTON, October 1, 1992 -- For the second time in the past three weeks, the nation's railroads have set a weekly record for intermodal traffic, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

In all, intermodal traffic totaled 147,623 trailers and containers during the week ended September 26, breaking by 3.1 percent the record set in the week ended September 21. Last week's total was 8.4 percent above the total reported during the comparable 1991 week.

Although intermodal traffic was up sharply last week, other railroad traffic indices declined from year-earlier levels, noted Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department. "This represents a continuation of a trend that dates back to the beginning of the third quarter," he added.

Carloadings, which do not include intermodal, totaled 337,000 during the week, down 3.9 percent from the comparable 1991 week. The AAR estimated total traffic for the week ended September 26 at 21.3 billion ton-miles, down 2.3 percent from 1991.

For the first 39 weeks of 1992, railroads originated 12,598,680 carloads of freight, up 1 percent from the first 39 weeks of 1991. Intermodal traffic totaled 4,920,988 trailers and containers, up 7.3 percent. Total traffic was estimated at 792.5 billion ton-miles, up 2.7 percent from the first 39 weeks of 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,304	29,645	-11.3 %	25,375	3.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,558	2,602	-40.1	1,272	22.5
Metallic Ores	16,224	18,086	-10.3	17,047	-4.8
Coal	126,984	133,372	-4.8	129,583	-2.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,626	14,773	5.8	16,407	-4.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,733	9,979	-12.5	9,662	-9.6
Grain Mill Products	9,989	9,849	1.4	10,009	-0.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,437	9,459	-0.2	9,509	-0.8
Primary Forest Products	9,438	9,609	-1.8	9,616	-1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	5,870	5,996	-2.1	5,685	3.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,693	10,360	3.2	11,122	-3.9
Chemicals	29,042	28,545	1.7	29,274	-0.8
Petroleum Products	5,626	5,611	0.3	5,853	-3.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,325	9,667	6.8	10,515	-1.8
Coke	5,765	5,261	9.6	5,732	0.6
Metals & Products	10,026	11,082	-9.5	9,487	5.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,856	19,634	1.1	18,485	7.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,726	8,847	-1.4	8,941	-2.4
All Other Carloads	6,778	8,270	-18.0	6,183	9.6
Total	**337,000**	**350,647**	**-3.9 %**	**339,757**	**-0.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 39 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	337,000	350,647	-3.9 %	12,598,680	12,468,269	1.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	75,179	71,086	5.8	2,436,616	2,353,396	3.5
Containers	72,444	65,063	11.3	2,484,372	2,230,773	11.4
Total	147,623	136,149	8.4	4,920,988	4,584,169	7.3
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.3	21.8	-2.3 %	792.5	771.9	2.7 %

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WASHINGTON, October 8, 1992 -- Weekly intermodal traffic on the nation's railroads continues to outperform 1991 levels, although other railroad traffic has declined slightly, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Intermodal traffic totaled 145,998 trailers and containers during the week ended October 3, putting it 5.5 percent ahead of the 138,333 units moved in the comparable 1991 week.

Total rail carloadings for the week, excluding intermodal, declined by 1.8 percent to 335,478 from the same period last year. The AAR estimated total traffic for the week ended October 3 at 21.4 billion ton-miles, down 0.9 percent.

Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department noted, "On a cumulative basis, railroad traffic is mirroring a very stagnant economy."

For the first 40 weeks of 1992, railroads originated 12,933,867 carloads of freight, up 1 percent from the first 40 weeks of 1991. However, intermodal traffic totaled 5,066,986 trailers and containers, up 7.3 percent. Total traffic was estimated at 813.8 billion ton-miles, up 2.6 percent from the first 40 weeks of 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,271	31,875	-14.4 %	26,304	3.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,923	3,033	-36.6	1,558	23.4
Metallic Ores	19,218	16,685	15.2	16,224	18.5
Coal	121,985	127,572	-4.4	126,984	-3.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,982	15,000	6.5	15,626	2.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,726	10,219	-14.6	8,733	-0.1
Grain Mill Products	10,136	9,883	2.6	9,989	1.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,432	9,232	2.2	9,437	-0.1
Primary Forest Products	8,931	9,311	-4.1	9,438	-5.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,437	5,181	4.9	5,870	-7.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,514	10,395	1.1	10,693	-1.7
Chemicals	29,506	28,542	3.4	28,539	3.4
Petroleum Products	5,094	5,153	-1.1	5,626	-9.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,396	9,878	5.2	10,325	0.7
Coke	5,946	5,365	10.8	5,765	3.1
Metals & Products	10,115	10,326	-2.0	10,026	0.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,030	17,852	12.2	19,856	0.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,734	8,811	-0.9	8,726	0.1
All Other Carloads	6,102	7,479	-18.4	6,778	-10.0
Total	335,478	341,792	-1.8 %	336,497	-0.3 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 40 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	335,478	341,792	-1.8 %	12,933,867	12,810,061	1.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	76,530	70,478	8.6	2,513,146	2,423,874	3.7
Containers	69,468	67,855	2.4	2,553,840	2,298,628	11.1
Total	145,998	138,333	5.5	5,066,986	4,722,502	7.3
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.4	21.6	-0.9 %	813.8	793.5	2.6 %

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WASHINGTON, October 15, 1992 -- Intermodal traffic rose sharply during the week ended October 10, although other rail freight traffic showed little change from 1991 levels, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Intermodal volume totaled 144,199 trailers and containers, up 7.1 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Trailer volume rose 6.6 percent for the week, while container traffic was up 7.7 percent.

Carload traffic, which does not include intermodal, totaled 339,331 cars during the week, down 0.4 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Loadings were up 2.2 percent in the West, but down 2.7 percent in the East. Coal traffic was off 5.1 percent and was responsible for the overall decline, noted Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department.

Total freight traffic for the week was estimated at 21.7 billion ton-miles, the same as in the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 41 weeks of 1992, AAR reported total carloadings of 13,273,702, up 0.9 percent from the same 1991 period. Intermodal volume totaled 5,211,078 trailers and containers, up 7.3 percent. Total volume was estimated at 835.5 billion ton-miles, up 2.5 percent from 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 97 percent of intermodal traffic and 94 percent of carloadings.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,374	30,109	0.9 %	27,328	11.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,321	2,441	-4.9	1,968	17.9
Metallic Ores	20,335	14,193	43.3	19,217	5.8
Coal	124,800	131,499	-5.1	122,380	2.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,656	15,534	0.8	15,971	-2.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,917	9,801	-9.0	8,726	2.2
Grain Mill Products	10,363	9,778	6.0	10,209	1.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,275	9,152	1.3	9,433	-1.7
Primary Forest Products	8,980	9,325	-3.7	8,880	1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	5,207	5,120	1.7	5,466	-4.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,331	10,011	3.2	10,540	-2.0
Chemicals	28,505	28,918	-1.4	29,555	-3.6
Petroleum Products	5,347	5,275	1.4	5,129	4.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,441	9,654	8.2	10,422	0.2
Coke	5,546	5,270	5.2	5,946	-6.7
Metals & Products	9,444	10,794	-12.5	10,210	-7.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,614	18,095	2.9	19,724	-5.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,645	8,778	-1.5	8,735	-1.0
All Other Carloads	6,230	7,017	-11.2	6,143	1.4
Total	**339,331**	**340,764**	**-0.4 %**	**335,982**	**1.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 41 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**339,331**	**340,764**	**-0.4 %**	**13,273,702**	**13,150,825**	**0.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	73,215	68,703	6.6	2,586,316	2,492,577	3.8
Containers	70,984	65,894	7.7	2,624,762	2,364,522	11.0
Total	**144,199**	**134,597**	**7.1**	**5,211,078**	**4,857,099**	**7.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.7**	**21.7**	**0.0 %**	**835.5**	**815.2**	**2.5 %**

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WASHINGTON, October 22, 1992 -- Freight traffic on the nation's railroads was virtually the same during the week ended October 17 as it was during the corresponding week of last year, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Intermodal volume rose 10.9 percent during the week, totaling 142,686 trailers and containers. Carload traffic; which does not include intermodal, declined 0.1 percent to 339,431 cars, with loadings up 3.4 percent in the West but down 3.1 percent in the East. Total volume was estimated at 21.7 billion ton-miles, the same as a year earlier.

"Coal loadings continue to lag," noted Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. For the week coal was off more than 5,000 cars (4.2 percent). For the year, coal is off almost 140,000 cars (2.6 percent).

For the first 42 weeks of 1992, the AAR reported total intermodal loadings of 5,353,764, up 7.4 percent from the comparable 1991 period. Carload traffic was up 0.9 percent for the 42 weeks, totaling 13,613,818 cars. Total traffic for 42 weeks was estimated at 857.2 billion ton-miles, up 2.4 percent from 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloads and 97 percent of intermodal loadings.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,130	32,470	-7.2 %	30,374	-0.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,037	2,045	-0.4	2,321	-12.2
Metallic Ores	19,589	13,561	44.5	21,172	-7.5
Coal	125,841	131,308	-4.2	124,657	0.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,699	15,630	0.4	15,656	0.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,841	9,725	-9.1	8,917	-0.9
Grain Mill Products	10,155	9,939	2.2	10,363	-2.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,275	9,138	1.5	9,275	0.0
Primary Forest Products	9,008	9,306	-3.2	8,980	0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	5,274	5,359	-1.6	5,209	1.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,841	9,718	1.3	10,331	-4.7
Chemicals	28,259	27,271	3.6	28,505	-0.9
Petroleum Products	5,542	5,058	9.6	5,347	3.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,882	9,653	2.4	10,441	-5.4
Coke	5,683	5,365	5.9	5,546	2.5
Metals & Products	9,657	9,706	-0.5	9,444	2.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,729	18,966	4.0	18,614	6.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,423	8,858	-4.9	8,634	-2.4
All Other Carloads	6,566	6,675	-1.6	6,230	5.4
Total	**339,431**	**339,751**	**-0.1 %**	**340,016**	**-0.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 42 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 17, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**339,431**	**339,751**	**-0.1 %**	**13,613,818**	**13,490,576**	**0.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	72,803	66,077	10.2	2,659,119	2,558,654	3.9
Containers	69,883	62,567	11.7	2,694,645	2,427,089	11.0
Total	**142,686**	**128,644**	**10.9**	**5,353,764**	**4,985,743**	**7.4**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.7**	**21.7**	**0.0 %**	**857.2**	**836.9**	**2.4 %**

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WASHINGTON, October 29, 1992 -- The nation's railroads showed strong gains in movements of grain, metallic ores and crushed stone, gravel and sand during the week ended October 24, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

"Each of those commodities was up by better than 1,500 cars from the same week a year ago," noted Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department. "However, because coal was off more than 8,000 cars, overall traffic fell slightly last week."

Carloadings for the week ended October 24 totaled 344,704, off 0.7 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Loadings were up 3.2 percent in the West but down 4.1 percent in the East.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 145,756 containers and trailers, up 6.6 percent from 1991. Total freight traffic was estimated at 22.0 billion ton-miles, down 0.9 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 43 weeks of 1992, the AAR estimated total volume at 879.2 billion ton-miles, up 2.3 percent from the first 43 weeks of 1991. Carloadings totaled 13,958,070, up 0.9 percent from last year. Intermodal volume was 5,499,087 trailers and containers, up 7.4 percent.

Railroads reporting to the AAR are responsible for 94 percent of the nation's rail freight traffic and 97 percent of intermodal volume.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,395	29,829	5.2 %	30,194	4.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,435	2,154	13.0	2,038	19.5
Metallic Ores	17,834	15,541	14.8	19,584	-8.9
Coal	126,851	134,891	-6.0	125,684	0.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,862	15,235	10.7	15,678	7.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,169	9,246	-0.8	8,867	3.4
Grain Mill Products	10,476	9,999	4.8	10,190	2.8
Food & Kindred Products	9,636	9,290	3.7	9,317	3.4
Primary Forest Products	9,161	9,364	-2.2	9,049	1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	5,573	5,649	-1.3	5,320	4.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,108	10,366	-2.5	9,814	3.0
Chemicals	28,167	28,583	-1.5	28,280	-0.4
Petroleum Products	5,578	5,116	9.0	5,608	-0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,203	9,615	6.1	9,798	4.1
Coke	5,856	5,369	9.1	5,667	3.3
Metals & Products	9,810	9,916	-1.1	9,311	5.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,606	19,855	3.8	19,746	4.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,649	9,191	-5.9	8,382	3.2
All Other Carloads	6,335	7,918	-20.0	6,452	-1.8
Total	**344,704**	**347,127**	**-0.7 %**	**338,979**	**1.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 43 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 24, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**344,704**	**347,127**	**-0.7 %**	**13,958,070**	**13,837,601**	**0.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	73,625	68,935	6.8	2,732,654	2,627,589	4.0
Containers	72,131	67,735	6.5	2,766,433	2,494,824	10.9
Total	**145,756**	**136,670**	**6.6**	**5,499,087**	**5,122,413**	**7.4**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**22.0**	**22.2**	**-0.9 %**	**879.2**	**859.1**	**2.3 %**

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